GAIETY DURING LENT

REACTION AFTER A DULL AND STUPID SEASON.

It Will Not Be All Abstinence During the Forty Days Intellectual En-tertainments Projected—Announce-ments for Coming Events,

The present Lent is likely to be marked by a greater degree of galety than that which the fashionable world has known during the season which came to a close on Ash Wednesday. Truth to tell, the past winter has been an exceptionally stupid one, marked by no great event of preminence among the resident seciety, and, with the two notable exceptions of the crushes at the card receptions of the Vice President and Postmaster General, singularly de-yold of interest in official circles. It has been an unsatisfactory winter made up of interruptions fraught with sadness alike to those personally be reaved and the sympathizing public Never before in the history of Wash Never before in the history of washington has there been so large a number of receptions and dinner parties postponed as during the past season. Now, however, the reaction is at hand, and, in a quiet way at first, the wedge will be inserted by an informal lunch or dinner, until gradually the present sombre aspect of things will undergo a complete metamorphosis, and, were it not for the sound of the church bells calling worshipers to service morning and afternoon, it will be a difficult matter to distinguish the period as that

Already a large number of dinwhich, to the thoughtful, is a matter of regret quite as much from the fact that Lent is as beneficial the body as to the soul as for weightier ceasons of a sectarian nature orty days' abstinence from late dinners and later suppers is the best possible preparation with which a society man or women could fortify themselves against the ills which flesh is heir to during the Spring. For those who care to enjoy themselves after an intellectual fashion, there will be no lack of enter tainment, as several classes, having this end in view, have already been projected. The Reading Class, which has regularly reorganized during Lent for the last half dozen or more years, will meet this season as usual on Thursday morning at the homes of the various members, among whom are Mrs. N. S. Lincoln, Mrs. John Rodgers, Mrs. Allen McLane, Mrs. Cropper, Mrs. Lo-throp Bradiey, Mrs. Hazen, Mrs. Washington McLean and Mrs. Seth Ackley. A class in French conversation will meet for the first time to morrow even-ing at the residence of Hon. Stephen Preston, though after that the regular meetings will be held on Saturday even-A third class, composed alto gether of young people, will assemble once a week for the purpose of listening to a talk on one of the leading top ics of the day by some one competent to speak on the subject. At the close of the lecture the young ladles will be joined by a party of gentlemen when fight refreshments will be served.

Monday-Mr. and Mrs. Edward Halliday have asked friends to meet the Music Club at 12 o'clock. In the evening Mrs. Alexander Ma

gruder will give a dinner party. Tuesday-Vice-President and Mrs. Morton will entertain guests at dinner. Mrs. and Miss Clagett will be at home informally to friends on Tuesdays throughout Lent.

Sir Julian and Lady Pauncefote will give a dinner party.

Mrs. Connell, wife of Representative Connell of Nebraska, is now comforta-bly fixed in her new home, 1400 Massachusetts avenue, where she will con tinue to receive informally on Tuesdays

Wednesday-Mrs, D. P. Morgan will give the last of her series of afternoon

Mrs. Rusk will be at home informally on Wednesdays during Lent.

Mrs. and the Misses Fitzpatrick will be at home at their apartments in the Shoreham informally on Wednesdays during Lent.

Mrs. Dahlgreen has issued invitations for a reading to be held at her residence on the 12th Instant.

Mrs. and Miss Cabell will receive in formally on Wednesdays during Lent. Mrs. Charles Bispham has issued cards for Thursday evenings in March Mrs. Cockrell will continue to receive informally on Thursdays during Lent. Mrs. Wanamaker will receive in formally on Friday afternoons through-

Mrs. Harrison has recently resumed her painting on china and in watercolors, and in order to pursue her work with system has joined a class in painting, which meets at the artist's studio on New York avenue, hardly more than a stone's throw from the White House. The class is composed of per-sonal friends of Mrs. Harrison, and meetings will prove a pleasant

Miss Mamie Findlay of "Tammany. one of the oldest homesteads on the James River, will return to her home in Maryland to-morrow after a week's visit to Mrs. Whelan, on P, near Thirty Miss Findlay is the gues first street. of General Macfeely's family. A few days since the Misses Findlay, who are sins of Mrs. Harrison, were entertained by her at luncheon.

Lepten diversion.

Licutenant and Mrs. Richardson Clover gave a box party Tuesday evening to Mrs. McKee and Mrs. Russell Harrison.

Mrs. Frank Beach has returned to Washington, and, with Miss Katy

Beach, is occupying her own house of arragut Square. Miss Florence Stith is their guest. Miss Mabel Ashurst of Philadelphia

returned to ber home last week after a visit to Miss Victoria Emory. Mr. and Mrs. George Eustis, who have been for a month at their country place in Frederick since returning from abroad, are in the city for a brief stay Senator and Mrs. Eustis, after

which they will go to New York. Major and Mrs. S. C. Kellogg have given up their house, 1226 Seventeenth street, and for the present will make their home with Miss Kellogg, sister of the late Mrs. George H. Thomas, at

1819 I street. Senator and Mrs. Payne have their daughter, Mrs. Bingham of Brooklyn,

as their guest. Mrs. Baldwin of California is the guest of Surgeon-General and Mrs. Browne at the Portland.

Mrs. and Miss Hunt of Chicago are spending several weeks in the city at

fort in direct opposition to the old-time stuffy notions which prevail elsewhere Mrs A. C. Tyler gave a dinner party at the German capital. The dark papering of the walls has been replaced by light, fresh toned coloring, on Monday evening. Among the guests present were Miss Speed, Miss Davidge nd Mrs. William Hill.

Miss Marie Routh is visiting friends on Madison avenue, New York. The Ladies' Aid Society of the North-

eastern Dispensary are preparing for a very pleasant entertainment to be given in aid of that useful charity on the evening of Wednesday, the 26th instant. The programme will consist of selections by a veral popular elecutionists and some choice musical numbers by well known vocalists and violinists,

who have kindly volunteered their services for the occasion. There will also be a drill by the High School squad. The entertainment will be given in the spacious dining-rooms of the National Hotel, loaned for the occasion by the proprietors. Among the ladies interested are Mrs. Thomas L. Tulloch, Mrs. Swope, Mrs. Chamberlin, Mrs. Stewart, Miss Daingerfield and Mrs. Lancaster.

Lieutenant W. C. Buttler, U. S. A., s in the city for a two-weeks' stay at 1404 Massachusetts avenue, where Mrs. Buttler has been the guest of her mother, Mrs. Bradford, for the season Mrs. Buttler will remain in Washington until Easter.

Miss Nelll of Ohio is the guest of Major and Mrs. Greenleaf.

Miss Porter of Buffalo, sister of Mrs Clarence Edwards, is the guest of Mrs Sanders Irving. A mid-Lenten subscription ball will be given in New York under the auspices of Mrs. W. W. Astor and Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt.

Mrs. Flint, who resides in Japan, is now in the city on a visit to her mother, Mrs. Ruoff, at Le Droit Park. In addition to the many rare pieces of native china which Mrs. Flint has brought with her to America is some delightful ten grown in her own garden at Tokio, which she has served on the occasions of several recent receptions at her

Ensign Hugh Rodman, U. S. N., ne and into which Key was taken to die. It was the house in which Secretary Seward and his son Frederick were almost assassinated the night Booth shot President Lincoln. It becompanied by his wife, has gone to Newfoundland.

Senor Mendoca, Brazilian envoy on pecial mission to this country, gave a Booth shot President Lincoln. It belinner of twenty covers last evening to came a club-house again and was the delegates of the Pan-American Con-

The Missess Caldwell, after an absence abroad of several years, will return to Washington this spring. Miss Porter gave a dinner party on Thursday evening to the debutantes of

the season. Among the guests were Miss Wanamaker, Miss James and Miss Miss Edith Seufferle, daughter of Mr. George J. Seufferle, and Mr. Wiliam Barnes were married on Thursday

evening at the Metropolitan Church,

Rev. Dr. Cory officiating.

The house of Secretary Tracy is com-paratively new. The building has no history, but the site has. The house stands on the spot where before it stood The church was beautifully deco-rated and crowded with the friends of the happy couple, who are very popular in Washington. Mr. Percy Seufferle, brother of the bride; Mr. Eberly, Mr. Duvall, Mr. R. Johnson, Drs. Wirt and Darrell acted as ushers, Lohengrin's a house the evidence of whose being haunted was as conclusive as anything of that kind can be. The phenomena were testified to by Messrs. Pakenham and Robertson, secretaries of the English Legation, who occupied the house wedding march was played as the bridal party entered the church. Miss Seufone summer, corroborated in an interferle, leaning on her father's arm, was preceded by the maid of honor, Miss Florence Shillington, and the ushers, and was met at the chancel rail by the teresting manner by a servant of the family of the previous tenants, and by neighbors, whom I know very well, and whose testimony as to anything groom, with his best man, Dr. D. E. Moore. The bride was attired in a they had seen or heard is conclusive as to those facts. Mr. Pakenham's story gown of white faille with court train, was reduced to writing at the time, but the V shaped bodice edged with point lace. The tulle veil was fastened with had been mislaid, and possibly de-

their return they will receive at home, 414 Maple avenue, Le Droit Park, after the first Thursday in March. Among

those present at the reception were Mr. and Mrs. William Seufferle, Mrs. M. G.

Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Philip T. Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Barnes, Miss Barnes, Mrs. W. B. Moses, Mrs. Gra-ham, Misses Eberly, Mr. and Mrs. Fred.

Geskin, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Hibbs, Miss Hibbs, Mrs. Simon Wolf, Mr. and

Mrs. John L. Weaver, Miss Clinton, Miss Cammack, Miss Ellis, Miss Hunt, Mr. Weber, Miss Tuley, Miss Burr,

Miss Emory, Mr. Moses, Dr. and Mrs. Lee Penuel, Mr. and Mrs. Oppeck, Mrs. Dearing, Miss Dearing, Mr. Luttrell, Mr. and Mrs. Hedian, Dr. and Mrs.

Miss Josie Kelton, daughter of Ad-

jutant-General J. C. Kelton, U. S. A.,

will leave Washington in a fortnight,

with Dr. Cushing and family, for an extended trip abroad. The party will

Miss Kelton will visit relatives in Eng-

since from Fortress Monroe, where she

There is talk at the clubs of an im-

pending divorce between a young couple who, until within the past year,

each other all sufficient for their mu-

tual happiness. The rift within the

lute is said to be caused by certain am-bitious ideas entertained by the wife,

whose relatives have finally succeeded

n imbuing her with longings for an-

other state of financial and social af-

fairs than those which she has hereto-

The Dancing Class will hold no fur-

ther meetings until after Lent, unless,

as is now projected by some of the

members, a micareme ball is given. Immediately after Easter Mrs. Hearst

will open her ball-room with an enter-

home Wednesday of this week,

Mrs. Edward P. Mertz will be at

sisted by her mother and sister, Mrs.

Hon, William Walter Phelps has re

cently taken possession of his new house in Berlin at 57 Dorotheen strasse,

on the corner of Neue Wilhelm strasse.

The house is at once one of the most

curious and interesting in Berlin.

where, since the recent extensive altera-

tions which it has undergone at an ex-

pense of 25,000 marks, it has proved a topic of all absorbing interest to the

people of that city. The structure, which is three stories in height as orig-

inally built, was a succession of shops

throughout the first floor. In order to

adapt it to purposes of public entertain

ments these shops have been put out of

commission, and are now used as kitchens and servants' quarters. An additional shop on the Neue Wilhelm strasse was hired in order to change it into a second vestibule. To the despair

of the Berlin upholsterers and decora

tors the interior of the immense struct

ure has been arranged throughout by

Mrs. and Miss Phelps in accordance

with American ideas of art and com

and etchings show in white or light

oak frames. The old wainscotting and flooring has been replaced by light

on the first floor the doors have been removed, so that an unobstructed view

of the entire suite can readily be ob-

ception of elegant white lace curtains at the windows, there are no hangings

woods, and throughout the aparts

or portieres of any description.

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tainment to the Dancing Class.

L. G. Hine and Miss Hine.

seemed to have found the society

Miss Kelton returned a few days

first to Constantinople, after

has been for some weeks past.

Shafer, Mr. Selbourne.

stroyed. It would be very interesting reading. diamond ornaments. A pendant of diamonds was the gift of the groom. The gentleman who reduced the Miss Shillington wore a handsome account to writing and the gentleman for whom it was done, and to whom it white silk draped in mousselaine de sole, the bodice edged with hyawas sent, are friends of mine, and made cinths and diamonds, and carried a bonquet of hyacinths. at the time an investigation of the case which left on their minds no doubt as ried a bonquet of hyacinths. After the ceremony the newly-married couple held a reception at the residence to the facts, but with no theory as to the cause. A slight corroboration of of the bride's parents, 511 E street northwest, where they received the the account given me by these gentle-men comes to me from a wholly indeongratulations and best wishes of their pendent source. The house in and about which the phenomena occurred host of friends. An elaborate supper was served in the dining-room, which is now standing in another part of the was decorated with La France roses and tulips. Mr. and Mrs. Barnes left on the 10:30 train for a visit to the principal cities of the North. Upon city.

WAR ON THE HEBREWS.

yellow. The vestibule is lined from foor to ceiling with mirrors, save at

the back, where an effective drapery is

forward with eager anticipation.

STRANGE COINCIDENCES.

Superstitions Attaching to the Houses

of Cabinet Officers.

The following history of the house now occupied by Secretary Blaine and the site of the Tracy residence is

related by the correspondent of

There are some curious associations connected with the houses in which Secretary Blaine and Secretary Tracy have been so deeply bereaved. The superstitious and the seekers for coincidences predicted that disaster would come to Mr. Blaine when he moved into his present house. I do not know

into his present house. I do not know but the history of this house has been

given too frequently of late to permit its repetition, but I will venture an old

story as briefly as possible. It was the club-house in front of which

General Sickles shot Barton Key,

headquarters and rendezvous of the po-litical pirates who devised the "safe

burglary conspiracy," and expected to profit by it. There was laid the midnight lunch at which the participators in this infamy and their aiders and abettors prepared to celebrate their

achievement in involving a perfectly honest man in a great crime. Through

a series of wonderful accidents the per-petrators did not get through with their work, which failed instead of meeting

with an easy success, until it was too

ate to partake of that lunch.

It is at Last Arousing Them to De-fensive Organization.

LONDON, Feb. 22.—The unrelenting war-fare against the Hebrew race in Russia and the intermittent anti-Semitic crusade in and Mrs. William Scullerie, Mrs. M. G. Crocker, Mrs. Myer Cohen, Mrs. S. C. Moore, Misses Moore, Mrs. Davidson, Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Jackson, Miss Jack-son, Mrs. Shillington, Mr. and Mrs. McElfresh, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse B. Wilson, Misses Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Budgett, Mr. and Mrs. William Germany and other countries have led to Germany and other countries have led to proposals for a meeting of prominent and representative European Jews, to which it is understood a few Americans of that race will also be invited at Amsterdam or some other that at Amsterdam or some other city in a small nationality in the course of the coming summer. The principal measure to be discussed will undoubtedly be the raising of a fund to be devoted to the protection of their brethren from the prosecutions and inviduous distinctions to which they are now subjected in the majerity of countries throughout the world.

Baron Hirsch has promised to attend such a congress, if it takes place and it is confidently said that the storm of indignation aroused by his famous pamphlet of last year, wherein he practically urged the assimilation of the Jews with the people

assimilation of the Jews with the people smoog whom they dwell has convinced him that the spirit of the race is almost at present subdued.

This being the case, he is of the opinion that the only course is for the Jews to fight in every possible manner for their rights, using largely the press and persistent personal appeals to persons exalted by position and reputed for justice and humanity.

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The apparently implacable attitude of Russia toward the Hebrew race has led to enormous losses among the shop-keepers and money-lenders in the different provinces, where the debtors openly defy the hated Jews, whose exputsion they deem a temporary intervention of Providence in their behalf. The thirty lenders into a called free (Alexandree were recommended). lawyers just exiled from Odessa were among the most prominent in that com-mercial city, and by their departure more than one important transaction will be hin dered, if not prevented altegether, to the great loss of trade there.

A prominent London banker observes

that too much prominence cannot be given to the fact that where the Jews are most kindly treated they lose the character-istics of which their enemies com-plain, as is instanced in England and Indeed, in the latter country he remarks, the peasantry are more Jewish than the veriest Shylock, and would speed-ily fleece such a class of money-lenders as are complained of in other countries, while in the cities the Jewish bankers find it more difficult yearly to hold their own against their Christian rivals.

Remembered His Old Sweetheart. WOOSTER, OHIO, Feb. 22.-William Woods, a wealthy bachelor physician of Mount Eaton, this county, died Thursday night, aged 60 years. He left a fortune of \$100,000, which will be divided equally between a nephew and Miss Mary Mowery, now of Denver, Col., to whom, it is alleged, he was betrothed many years. He sent for her when he was taken ill and she has been in attendance on him since.

Paris, Feb. 22 .- The Cabinet at a meeting to day considered the case of the Duke of Orleans recently convicted of violating the expulsion act and sentenced him to two years' imprisonment. It was decided to remit the sentence in posed and conduct him to the frontier The duke will accordingly be taken to the frontier to-day. The route which the royal prisoner will follow is kept a profound secret.

Dr. Fosdick's Assassination,

KALAMAZOO, MICH., Feb. 22.-The latest theory regarding the assassination of Dr. Melvin Fosdick is that the shots were not intended for the doctor, but for Albert Fosdick himself, the alleged assassin. The reason for this belief is that had not Albert been arrested he would have been married before this to a certain young woman, and it is claimed that others have claims upon and his marriage would have brought about trouble.

Through Parlor Car to Old Point via Pennsylvania and Chesapeake and Oblo Railroads, A through parlor car service will go into effect between Washington and Old Point on the 23d instant. Leaving Washington 10:57 a.m., arriving Old Point 6:10 p.m. Returning, arrive at Washington 3:50 p.m.

DO YOU WANT BEER? If so, order Port-

prevailing tone of the drawing-room is CLARA BELLE GOSSIPS.

SHE PICKS UP CHATTY TID-BITS ON

formed by the Stars and Stripes of an immense American flag. In the second vestibule the flags of the two countries FIFTH AVENUE America and Germany-are blended. Belles and Beaux as Burlesquers— Pretty Fashionables in Tights— New York Girls Have a New Stage As soon as the house is entirely completed Mr Phelps will open it by a card reception, to which the social and official society of Berlin is already looking

Favorite-oM. M. I. S. Club. NEW YORK, Feb. 22. TILTS! The wealthy women of Fifth avenue re on them, so time. But it is a new, sudden and literal fact that the voungsters of that famous thoronghfare are walking on stilts. Who can tell how whims of diver dered in children or adults? I simply chronicle the fact that the little ters of million aires are now to be seen on stilts. It will not last long. Fifth avenue is not sacred to the McAllis

ters, and pretty stilts for an invasion. Then the "exclusives" will be called in by their mothers. The swell woman doesn't like to do what her poorer sisters are doing. For instance, the former will not promenade the Avenue. If they wish to walk for exercise, they will order up a carriage, ride to the entrance of Central Park, and take their pedestrianism along the cemented paths, and afterward return home on wheels. The latest striking exhibition of this desire to separate themselves from the multi tude was their treatment of this year's charity ball. They purchased tickets as liberally as usual, but either tore them up or gave them to less pretentious persons, and themselves went to a small and elegant ball which had been purposely dated for the same night. In such ways the matrons of the Avenue

walk metaphorically on stilts.

The talk of modish New York is largely about the participation by the belles and beaus in amateur burlesque theatricals. Several such entertain ments have employed the more famously pretty girls of the Astor Vanderbilt clique. A travesty of opera, a realization of some nursery stories and a series of comic tableaux have had marked success. Nothing but public opinion keeps the young amateur actors in the fashionable world from appearing on the stage in a genuine, old-fashioned Lydia Thompson style of burlesque opera. Recently some of the belles were seen at a theatre in a mild piece of frolicsome nonsense that had all the elements of burlesque, but was burdened with a wholly unnecessary weight

of clothes. f ciones.

"It is perfect nonsense to give a burcsque in long skirts," said the prize seauty of the two past seasons. "If I thought people would ever get over it. I would dress my part as it demands. Desiring to be well up in her part in a recent burlesque charitable performance, one of the pretty girls engaged the services of a handsome prima donna, whose acquaintance she had formed some time previous, and had herself drilled systematically for the approaching show. The actress taught her innumerable little touches of stage quetry and for reward received plenty champagne and kisses. The

jolly friends and girl even went so the society far as to visit the other in her dressing One Saturday afternoon the by the help the dresser, ar rayed herself in a full stage costume, and awaited the return of the actress who was engaged in a stage scen she posed in self-admiration of herself in the glass the sound of footsteps wer heard outside the dressing room. Sud denly the door flew open, and the manager of the theatre stood in the door-way. The girl in the tights screamed and stood in the centre of the floor, the most miserable and humiliated of beings.

"Oh, I beg your pardon," said the manager. "I knew Miss --- was on the stage or I would have knocked. But what are you doing here? Are you one of the chorus?"

This last question brought out another scream, and the maid was compelled to explain matters to the manager, who retired amid profuse apologies. But he sent word to the young lady through the prima donna that she could appear at his theatre in statuesque parts when

ever she saw fit to do so. The girls must inevitably have a stage favorite to rave about, and now that Kyrle Bellew is in the Antipodes all the buds and not a few of the soms are blooming with affection for Reichmann, the great baritone at the Metropolitan Opera-House. It is enter taining to watch the grand circle the boxes during an opera night just to see how they become stirred with emotion when the favorite singer ap pears, and then immediately revert to passiveness when his stalwart form takes itself from view. After every song the theatre becomes a veritable snowstorm of handkerchiefs, and the most sedate maldens in the place can carcely restrain themselves from join ing in the loud roar of approval that goes up from the stalls. It is another in stance of physical beauty consummating the victory that an excellent vocal art begins. But the interesting part of it ill is that the adored singer is totally ndifferent to feminine admiration Under no circumstance does he take any otice of the innumerable attention that the more indiscreet of the girls venture to bestow upon him, and peristently refuses to meet them, even though they languish for one glance from his handsome eyes. This re-markable habit arises from organic and not sentimental causes, the singer being rather annoyed than otherwise by female society. Of all the girls who worship at his shrine none are so unortunately infatuated as a very young ady living on Murray Hill, who formed a violent attachment for him on the very first night of the opera season, and who has since then ruined the peace of her family and friends by her wild passion for the cold and unresponsive Not only does she haunt the neighborhood where a glimpse of him may be caught, but she has even broken her engagement with a very worthy young man, giving as an excuse one man exists for her now and that is the German baritone. a noticeable fact that the old theory that a tenor voice arouses a woman's arder to an uncontrollable pitch is overthrown this year, for the German tenor, with his famous high C, is not n the race with the baritone.

Do not let me convey the idea that Fifth avenue is a thoroughfare of frivolity altogether, humor of the swells. But there is plenty of worthy sedateness there. The ecent withdrawal of Mrs. Cornelius J. anderbilt from a ball at five minutes before 12 o'clock on a Saturday night. so as not to break the Sabbath by so

quers with his dimples and his trop-

best, dear.

But it was glorious fun.

much as the fraction of an hour, was a casual reminder that she is an carnest and sincere Christian. As much can be said of many, if not a majority, of the leaders in this section of society. Bear this in mind, if you please, when you are reading my accounts of the concur rent friskiness. Good qualities in plenty accompany those which may

ometimes seem too careless. William H. Crane, the actor, who is just now earning so much money that he hardly knows what to do with it, may owe part of his success to his wife, who manages him with a hand which, while it is highly prized by the come dian, is none the less resolute and dicta dish, is none the less resolute and dictatorial. Crane enjoys an occasional
toddy on these cool winter nights, and
he is allowed just one by his vigilant
spouse. At one of the actor's symposiums recently, just after Mrs. Crane had
protested emphatically against the second toddy, conversation turned on the subject of money-making, and some one observed that Mr. Crane must be making as much out of his new play as he and Robson made together in the best run of "The Henrietta.

"And now, that you don't have to share with Robson you must naturally make double as much as you did be fore," said the visitor. "Oh, no," replied Crane. "I have a partner still who takes a good deal more than Robson's share."

"Why, who is it?" was asked. "Mrs. Crane," was the reply. my board and clothes, just as I always have. I have one of those rainy day wives. It wouldn't do a bit of good if I earned ten times what I do now. I would only have good living and a furlined overcoat to remind me that I was any more prosperous than when I played Le Blane at fifty per week.

Four New York men who were present complimented Mrs. Crane,
"You are not a New Yorker, by
birth," said one, "If you were your
husband would be bemoaning your ex-

In the long list of clubs in this city is one composed of single women, for the most partyoung girls, that is worthy of wention. Each member wears a handsome seal ring bearing the letters.
"M. M. I.S." No one except the members knows the legend indicated by these letters, but it is surmised that "Marriageable Men I Seck" would not be far from the true interpretation. The surmise is strengthened by scraps of conversation occasionally overheard when several of the members are together. It behooves young men to look well to their ways, for the "M. M. I. S." girls are sharp and in dead earnest, as this bit of talk, caught when they were too busy to notice that a listener was near, sufficiently shows.

"Oh, say, girls; you know Jack—."
"Yes, indeed; handsome Jack."
"Well, no; not handsome Jack, if handsome is that handsome does. record has been looked up with a deal of trouble. He boards at a fourthrate house and has a dingy room in the attic; there isn't a bath-tub in the house; onions and cabbage, etc., per-fume the whole place. Yet he dresses xpensively, and you know what a fine horse he has, and those lovely

"Oh, he rides divinely."
"Wait a bit. He owns nothing in this world but his clothes, that horse, his ring and dogs, and those he got by pinching himself in lunches and dinners. He hides himself in that boardhouse for the sake of making a display on the street."
"Oh," "Oh," "Oh," in chorus;
then, "What shall we do with him
girls—what but strike off his name.

Each girl thereupon brings out a dainty book with the mystic monogram, "M. M. I. S." on the covers, and handsome Jack's name is scored by heavy black marks in every one of then Then lists and notes are compared and one lucky fellow's name goes down on the books because it is found that being determined to go through Yale, and his old curmudgeon of a father refusing self through and actually does his own But one sly girl whispers:

"He is the heir, you know. his father is a millionaire, two or three times over. So the impression on the listener is that the dear creatures are not wholly above mercenary motives. That they mean business is evident at all events.

The athletic girls, however, are the

girls that garner fun as the bees gather honey, by "improving each shining hour," and when the hour refuses to shine for walks or rides, or out-door games, improve it all the sam with various devices for exercise and frolic. A group of "Jolly Girls," as they call themselves, gathered one wet day in an uptown mansion, whose young daughter has a suite of rooms fitted up to suit her especial tastes. Of course, they are as charming as her charming self, but one of them, the largest and loftiest, might be mistaken at first for her brother's room. Its furniture is all of the sort dear to the heart of the athlete, and such trophies as are won in ath letic games hang on the walls; in fact there is nothing in the room to suggest a feminine owner-to one of old-fashoned ideas of the truly feminine cept its exquisite neatness and order. To this room the Jolly Girls gravitated as naturally as the humming-bird to a sweet-pea blossom where, by some deft disrobing, they soon stood in the suits of a gymnast. They were all college graduates, as you would have guessed could you have seen their performances on bars and ropes and spring-board. When the fun had subsided some-what into a breathing spell the young hostess and her chum disap-peared with an air of importance and mystery that excited the curiosity they intended it should and helped in tensify the sensation they made when they reappeared. One was arrayed in se pink and the other in robin's egg blue silk tights. On their heads-drawn down closely to the brows, cov ering every spear of hair-were caps matching the tights in color. hands were also covered with thick gloves and each wore a unique breast plate, highly ornamented with upposed to be the goddess Minerva a helmet and plume. Before the wide eyed girls could speak each had hosen a second, had united on a referee and had taken positions for oxing match. Then followed the "counter" and "cross counter," and "straight counter," "dodge" and all the rest of the things, from those immense doubled up fists, and the breast plates resounded as these same fists but tered and banged and threatened to knock Minerva and all her host sky high. The excitement of the ers was indescribable. Once the con test came to a sudden pause, for Maude inadvertently gave Grace a blow on the cheek, and Grace and her second cried 'Unfair," and "We said we wouldn't lo that, so now." Then the girls flocked about the combatants praised and petted and urged them to go on. As they posed a second time one enthusiastic creature cried: "Now, Maudle, do your best, or I shall lose my pearl brooch; do your

But she did not lose the brooch, nor did she win its equivalent, for both con-testants tumbled over at the same instant and lay on the floor ingloriously laughing, heated, flashed, and not much the worse for all the valor expended. CLARA BELLE.

FASHIONS FOR MARCH

TOUETS TO BE WORN DURING THE MONTH OF STORMS.

Increasing Rage for High Sleeves— New Pancy in Lace Pins—Bare Feet in Parlors—Neat Little Bonnets for Pretty Heads.



silver open work with borderings of pansy velvet. But with the idea provided for the outlines dress and trimmings how great a variety of materials may be used in cable brought the assertion that Sarah adaptations of that outfit. Generally speaking, the gowns next spring will, in style and outline, repeat the models of this season. Princess dresses, with Greek draperies, will prove more than ever popular, but not to the exclusion of either the Empire or Directoire styles. Corsages will be long, notwithstanding the success of the Empire corsage, which is really a long bodice with its length disguised by its wide sash. Ingenuity still at work devising new and odd effects for sleeves both long, short, full and narrow.

A variety of fabrics will be used in March mantles, and the picture shows one which matches the accompanying dress of broadly-striped goods. edges are trimmed with gray fur, but imitation astrachan may be used effectively, and such a street rig may be made un very reasonably as to cost If made up very reasonably as to cost you can afford to buy more expensively you should be pleased with the great variety of beautiful fabrics that are now crowding the market in Corah silk of two shades of one color or in contrasting tints. On one shot foundation of gold and reseda is a fine design in brocade in beautifully shaded tints of rose Most of the new woolen gowns in tended for day wear are liberally mixed with velvet, and there is a decided par-tiality for fringe, although it is as yet only used in small quantities, the wider kinds to outline panels or the front of the basque—which then usually forms a point—and the narrow fringes to denote the outlines of the fronts.

The rage for high sleeves increases and as these give a good effect to a thin. straight figure, folded bodiess, with the pleats or gathers set in at the shoulders. are exceedingly fashionable, and the plain, close-fitting bodice is left entirely to the tailor, who just now is less in favor. But my third sketch shows how the spring will probably transfer her fickle favor to close-fitting gowns which show off the figure, but combined with high shouldered sleeves.



mauve faille, trimmed with black as-trachan embroideries and grelots of antique silver. A must was silk, astrachan and silver embroidery to correspond. Λ very pretty bounet formed of mauve surah ribbons and coques was surrounded by a border of silver embroidery. Velvet sleeves are general, but only where ome of the same fabric is used in the skirt. Damasse material for those woven in shawl patterns or relief bro cades are much used with plain cash-mere, the sleeves always of the fancy fabric, and generally a vest or a back and front plastron, and some panels or at a tablier in the skirt. The guipure embroidery is being copied at low prices, but the deep points in this material have not yet become sufficiently cheap to be generally used. Some new trimmings of the applique type have the leaves and scrolls partly of silk, wool and tinsel; but the old-fashioned trim mings of silk cord and gimp, which were revived in new designs duri season, are not likely to be developed



By the way, women who have la-mented the insecurity of the ordinary dress pockets (which in their natural state certainly offer every advantage to state certainly offer every advantage to the enterprising thief), will doubtless rejoice to hear of a new invention by the use of which they can in future carry untold gold in the pockets of their skirts without running any risk of being robbed. There is no patent on it. Some of our dressmakers are making them whenever ordered. Headed by a strong piece of I been set for the "Opening day,"

webbing, which should be securely fas-tened to the skirt of the dress at the waistband, this pocket is arranged with a spring which opens immediately when a small button is pressed by the hand

No one but the wearer can possibly open the pocket, and for further security it is finished at the end with a small chain, which will effectually prevent its being cut away from the dress itself. An inserted hand would be caught like a weasel in a steel trap

Devout lovers, anxious to find some thing novel in the way of a gift will be charmed with the latest fancy in lace pins. They consist simply of a fac simile in gold of the signature of the "she" for whom they are purchased, the jeweler having previously had, of course, a specimen of the young lady's autograph submitted to his inspection. As each girl's name, even if it be so usual a one as "Maud," is written difusual a one as "Mand," is written dif-ferently, every brooch is quite distinct in design, and being very light and deli-cate, they make exceedingly pretty little fasteners for a jubot. When the donor is quite sequre in the affections of the young lady to whom he wishes to present one of these royel brooches he might find his own golden signature more appropriate and welcome, and I have no doubt that we shall find all next season's brides with more or less ing among their laces. The jewele merely shapes the wire into a fac similar of the autograph, and there you are-i you have the money to pay for it.

Right here let me give assurance that bare feet are not to become fashionable in parlors. There was no danger of it Well, I don't know about that. The



Bernhardt was enacting "Joan of Arc with naked feet, and many a style has been fixed by that actress' example. The dispatches said that in the prison scene of the play the unfortunate maid appears in a kind of gray tunic that barely hides her nude limbs. I am now able to say, on the authority of a private letter from Paris, that Sarah's pedal extremities are encased in flesh inted tights, having tood feet, thus giv ing the appearance of nakedness. I may be that tood hosiery will come into ogue, but the cable man misled us as o Bernhardt's realism.

Inventors of fashionable stationery, seeking about for something new to tempt the public, have hit upon something very ugly. I have received some correspondence with note paper and envelopes that faithfully resemble cork, both in color and texture, and it is upon this bilious, sponge-like material that one is invited to conduct one's frivolous correspondence. Certainly, the newest stationery is about as hideous and stupid as anything wherewith we have been afflicted, and that is saving a great deal; but the worst of it is that we are only at the beginning of an epl-demic of realistic note-paper. I have noticed that the introduction of a new olor or texture in stationery invariab ends to a series, and thus I confider await the appearance of simulated toweling, with the address stamped to imitate red marking-cotton. Observe the neat little bonnets on

three of the girls' heads in this article

and then the hat in the fourth picture All shapes for March, and in perfecharmony with the totlets which they belong to. The materials now to be used for dressy bonnets are light velvet faile, stitched to imitate quilting, cioth and crepe de Chine, with lace, feathers, and filligree gold. A prety capote was made of pink velvet with white lace over, edged with gold braid, and ornasented with algrettes set in lace. white cloth capete was embroidered with pink and gold and had a black aigrette. A pink faille quilted capete, with a crossway band of faille on the brim and vieux rose aigrette; black velvet strings. capote made of tulle crepe de chine with silver embroidery, cream-colored roses outside, and a filligree dragonfly disporting on them. Another bonnet was open black passementerie over em craid green velvet, feathers and algrette springing from a black peau de sole bow. The capotes and toques with strings continue small, but hats are large and of all imaginable shapes. The hair is still worn dressed high for vening, making the head to look as small as possible, and only an aigrette or small tuft of flowers or ribbon to ward the front. But the nicest thing is connets is an amiable face. Copyright, 1800.

Enterprising Young Men.

The many friends of Mr. Meyer Loeb and Mr. Louis Hirsh will, no doubt, be very glad to learn that these energetic young men have faunched out on the high seas of commerce on their own account. Mr. Loeb has for the past ten years been connected with the firm of Elseman Bros. of this city where his business like manner, combined with a dignified and gentlemanly air, won for him hosts of friends whom no won for him hosts of friends whom as deabt are ready to stand by and support him in any enterprise he has undertake. Mr. Hirsh is no less popular and fortunate in this respect. He has for the past seven years been a tried and trusted employe of Larsburgh & Bros., of this city, where his prempt, energetle, "hustling" manner drew forth the openly expressed admiration of all with whom he came in contact. He too fully expects his friends to be "with him" in his new undertaking.

The bright, pretty, storeroom at No. 912 I street northwest, has been leased by these gentlemen, and thoroughly overhauded and remodeled, how shelving, new counters, new cases, handsome window

counters, new cases, handsome window hangings and fixtures, with fresh paint, varnish, and frescoing, have entirely transformed the store, and converted is transformed the store, and converted it into a verifiable palaces, wherein every fresh object that draws on the vision brings a new sensation of pleasure. So much for fixtures, Now for the goods. The freshness and leauty of the store fiself and its fixtures pale into insignificance alongside of the richness of the goods which are piled about in great abundance. The latest styles of all mannor of hats, cause, umbrellas, underwear, shirts, embroidered, plain, open front and back; all the standard brands of collars and cuffs, nackwear of all descriptions. of collars and cuits, neckwear of all descriptions and classes; bandkerchiefs, gloves, and, in fact everything mentionable and manuscilonable in the gents' formishing business is stocked about in every variety and the greatest profusion. All of the above named goods are carried to high and mention grades so that the purchaser may get exactly what he wants for the money he desires to spend for any article.

Messrs, Loeb & Hirsh wish to lavite their friends to call on them and examine their stock. A full dollar's worth for every dollar is what the wants their stock.

iar is what they guarantee. Pon't forget the number, 912 F street northwest, Wash-ington, D. C. Monday, February 24, has

MR. RUSK'S BUSY HIVE

WHAT THE GOVERNMENT BLUE BOOK SAYS OF IT.

Important Industries in .. Uncle Jerry's" Care_Alleged Unfair Distribution of the Offices_Women Comptain of Injustice_Scientists and Copyists.

How many people read the Blue Book!—a work of no great merit in a literary sense, yet one on which the Government has spent much time and has gotten up with very great care and elegance. The Blue Book makes no pretense to fine writing or fornishes a line of poetry. It is on the method of its compilation and accuracy of its figures that the Government, as author,

The Blue Book is divided into chapters, one of which is often found meaty enough for an evening's enter-tainment. Take, for instance, one of the middle chapters, entitled "The De-partment of Agriculture," and while resembles the others in its various i, islons and subdivisions, the interretation of the figures will be somethat surprising to the investigator.
Under the comprehensive title above

amed are grouped the several divisions of accounts, statistics, chemistry, betony, entomology, ornithology, mammology, forestry, pamology, micro-scopy and steds; also, the experiment station, experimental garden and mu-seum, and the banner division of the Department, called the Bureau of Antmal Industry. There are employed in this Department about 700 people.

The first item of interest in relation

to the Department of Agriculture is the amount Congress provides for its ex-penses. Last year Congress appropriated for the running expenses and sala-ries about \$200,000, and this amount is supposed to be expended with impartial care for the interests of all the United

There is a general idea abroad that these great governmental Departments make a really honest effort to not only distribute the benefits of its labor in the States with equal impartiality, but to distribute the offices subject to its an-

thority with equal fairness among the forty-two contributing States. If one were to say to his neighbor that out of this \$200,000 in 1889 appropriated New York State got nearly \$90,000, his neighbor would be inclined to think he was joking, or had been misinformed, or that unfairness had been practiced by somebody somewhere.

The Blue Book never lies, and the Blue Book is responsible for anything reflecting upon public institutions. Not only was nearly \$90,000 given to New York men, but for most part to men who were returned to their own State to put their salaries in circulation for the benefit of that State. Every-body knows that Uncle Jerry Rusk, the most popular officer in the Cabinet, is Secretary of Agriculture. Naturally the public would think that his Depart-ment would be swarming with Badgers. This is not the case. Secretary Rusk, it seems, was permitted to have a Wis-consin man for his own private clerk. Beddes this analysis to the case. Besides this gentleman there are only six others in the entire Department from the Sceretary's State. There are in the Department nearly 100 from New York, which, considering even the superior population and merits of that State, looks like a pretty steep figure. The State of Iowa, in matter of offices, sees Wisconsin and goes one better—dividing the offices (but not the salaries) among four men and four women.

It may not be inopportune at this point to note a peculiar working of civil service rules. There is a common belief among the people that not more than two persons of the same family can secure offices in the same Depart-ment. This is a very great error, as will be noticed by the distribution of Department among the family. Dr. George Vesey, Miss Flora Vesey, Mr. George Vesey-father, son Illinois, Washington Territory and Washington city-are not only in the same Department but the same di-vision, that of botany, and their combined salaries of \$2,500, \$900 and \$1,500 are \$640 more than all of the salaries paid the entire State of Iowa

throughout the entire Department. Speaking of salaries, it may not be out of place to remark, in passing, that many of the women employes claim that there is no justice in Department work, and that the class of work and salary depends very much upon the chief of the division, and that there are others get \$1,400 and \$1,800. There is ne woman, a scientist, who does the difficult work assigned her with remarkable care and accuracy for \$600, while almost at her elbow a mere copylst receives \$1,200, while the men who do similar work receive \$1,600 and \$1.800 salaries.

"The Bureau of Animal Industry is a particularly choice division, as most of the work is outside of Washington. commands fair salaries and generous traveling expenses. The Bureau of Animal Industry is a soft berth, a fact which is apparently appreciated by New

New York, with some encroachments by New Jersey and Maryland, may be said to have literally "scooped" the offices in this division. With salaries ranging from \$1,400 to \$2,000, there are in this one division sixty-four New York men. This is inclusive of eight extra men, four of whom are expert eterinary Inspectors at \$10 and \$12 a

day, with expenses.

Iowa, the banner hor State of the Union, has not a solitary veterinary sur-geon or inspector employed. There is not one from the beef-raising districts of Texas, nor one from the wool-growing States of Michigan and Ohio. This of itself is singular, but not nearly so peculiar as the fact that these appointees from other States are not distributed over the needy regions of swine plague, cattle fever and sheep rot. Out of the sixty-four men from New York, sixty are sent back to study the animal in-dustry of their own State. Out of the 108 names starred in the Blue Hook as entitled to traveling expenses, the sixty New Yorkers are found. Of the remaining forty-three, nearly all are in the States of New Jersey and Mary-

Not only are Iowa, Texas and Obio left out in the cold as to offices, but their animal industries are left without the services of a solitary permanent in-

spector or surgeon. Why are these things thus: How does it happen that the Cleveland Addistration gorged itself on the Agri tural Department and that civil service can permanently appropriate for New York State more of the loaves and fishes. These are questions that are often asked, but which the Blue Book does not answer.

Pullman Parlor Cars Between Washington and Old Point Comfort, via Pennsylvania Railroad.

Pennsylvania Railroad Company an-nonness that, commencing February 21, a line of Pullman Parior Cars will be estab-lished between Washington and Old Point Confort, via the Alexandria and Freder-icksburg, Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomo, and Chesapeake and Onto Ball-roads. The southbound car will leave Washington—Baltimoro and Potomac Rail-road Station—daily except Sunday, on Fast Mail, at 10:57 a.m., and northbound arrive in Washington ou the mail from Richmond